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TWO MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO ALIEN SMUGGLING

Go-fast boat carried six Chinese nationals

DETROIT — An Albanian man was sentenced Monday to three years in prison for his part in attempting to illegally smuggle six Chinese nationals into the United States, announced U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Gentian Cara, 32, was sentenced yesterday to 36 months in prison and two years supervised release for alien smuggling by Judge Avern Cohn in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan. ICE will remove Cara from the U.S. after he completes his prison sentence.

ICE special agents — along with the U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, Wyandotte Police and Grosse Isle Police Marine Unit — encountered a go-fast boat attempting to smuggle aliens into Wyandotte, Mich., from Canada in August 2004.

Frank Magyar, 39, a Canadian citizen, was piloting the boat when it was intercepted along with Cara as a passenger at the South Shore Marina. Further examination of the vessel revealed six aliens hidden in the lower closed cabin.

Magyar pleaded guilty in September to alien smuggling, and remains in ICE custody pending his deportation to Canada.

"ICE, working collaboratively with its Homeland Security and local law enforcement partners, will continue to vigorously pursue these criminal organizations who are motivated solely by greed," said ICE Detroit Special Agent-in-Charge Brian Moskowitz. "They seek to violate the integrity of this country's borders and the lawful immigration process. This case demonstrates that those who smuggle aliens do so with little regard for the health and safety of their human cargo. To those who seek to illegally enter the United States using the services of a smuggler — be warned — you do so at great risk to your freedom and your health."

Since ICE was created in March 2003, its investigations into human smuggling and trafficking organizations have resulted in more than 5,400 criminal arrests, 2,880 criminal indictments and 2,358 convictions. All the while, the number of ICE investigations launched against human smuggling and trafficking organizations has steadily increased — from 2,564 in Fiscal Year 2004 to 3,348 in FY 2005.

John Freeman, assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, prosecuted this case. The U.S. Border Patrol, the U. S. Coast Guard, the Wyandotte Police Department and Grosse Isle Police Marine Unit assisted with this investigation.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.